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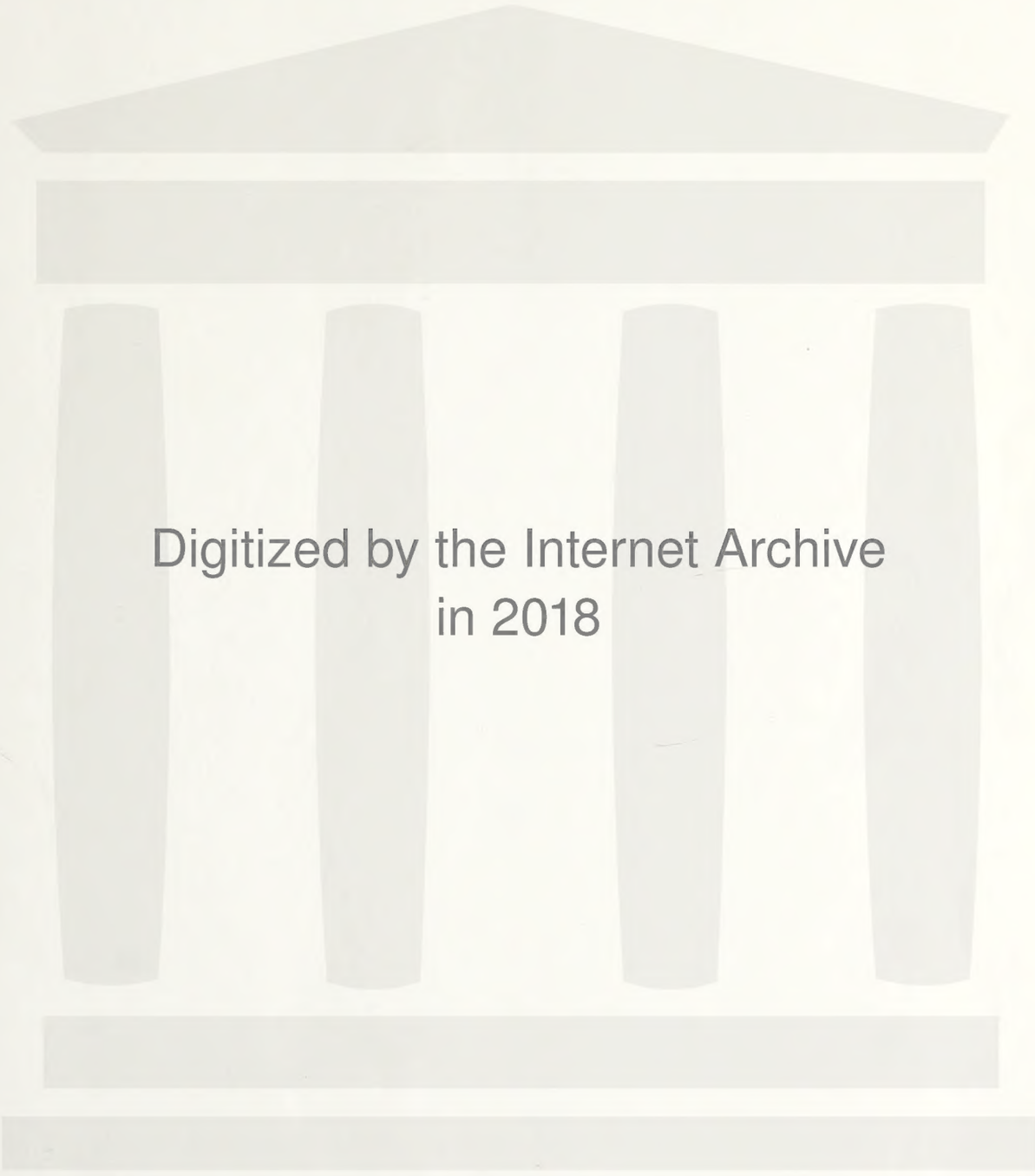
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THE NAME AND FAMILY OF COAT(E)S

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The name of COATES, COATS, or COTE is believed to have been derived from the residence of its first bearers at or near the "cote or cotes", that is "cottages", or from residence at Cotes, a township in the parish of Eccleshall, County Stafford, or at Cotes, a hamlet in the parish of Prestwold, County Leicester. In ancient English records the name is most frequently found as Cotes, but it is also recorded in the various spellings of Cottes, Cotte, Cott, Coate, Coat, Coats, Coates, and Cote. Of these, the two forms last mentioned are those most frequently in evidence in America today, while the form of Coats is also often found.

Early resident in Salop, Leicester, Warwick, York, Norfolk, Stafford, Buckingham, Lincoln, Somerset, and London, England, as well as in various parts of Wales, the families bearing this name were, in some considerable part, of the landed and educated classes.

According to family historians, the line was established in the Counties of Stafford and Salop at the time of the Norman conquest of England. In the Domesday Book, a census compiled in the eleventh century by order of the Normans, is record of Thomas de Cotes, who possessed half a knight's fee in the Manor of Cotes, County Stafford. The family traces direct descent from Richard de Cotes, who was living in Staffordshire, England, in the twelfth century. He was the father of two sons, William and Thomas, of whom the former had a son named Hugo or Hugh Cotes, who was the father of Walter, father of Robert and William. Of these, the former was living A.D. 1245-1267 and was the father of two sons, John and William, of whom the first had a son named Robert, who resided in Staffordshire in the time of Edward II. This last-mentioned Robert de Cotes was the father by his wife Alicia, daughter of Roger de Knightley, of another Robert, who was the father by his wife Isabella of Thomas, who was the father by his wife Elizabeth of a son

named Humfrey. The last married Johanna Daventre or Daventrey, of Northamptonshire, and had issue by her of John Cotes, of Cotes, County Stafford, who was the father by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Downton, of four sons, Humfrey, John, Thomas, and Richard, of whom the second died without issue.

Humfrey Cotes, of Cotes, in Staffordshire, eldest son of John and Elizabeth (nee Downton), married Elianora, the daughter of Sir Humfrey Blount or Blunt, and was the father by her of Joh, Margaretta, and Nicholas, of whom the son John first married a MIss Winnington, who gave him only female issue. By his second wife, Ellena, daughter of Richard Littleton, of Pellaton Hall, County Stafford, Humfrey had amond other children, John, Richard (of Nottinghamshire), son, John Cotes, of Cotes, also owned land at Woodcote, in Shropshire. He married Jane, daughter of John Braddock, of Warwickshire, and had issue by her of five children, John, Richard, Simon (died without issue), Mary, and Anna. Of the sons, John was the father at Woodcote, in Shropshire, by his wife Maria or Mary, daughter of Sir Anthony Colecloughe, of a son named John, Sheriff of Woodcote in 1614, who married Mary, daughter of Walter Baggott, of Stafford, and had issue by her of a son named John Cotes, who married Dorcas, daughter of Sir George Clarke, Lord Mayor and Alderman of London, and had at least one son, named Charles; while Richard resided at Cowly Hall, Shropshire, and was the father by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of William Tylston, of three sons, Robert, John, and Peter.

Thomas Cotes, third son of John and Elizabeth (nee Downton), resided in Yorkshire and was the father of two sons, Richard and John, of whom the former had a son named John, who was the father of John and George, of whom the latter resided in Cheshire. The elder son, John Cotes, of Heding ley Hall, Yorkshire, married Anna, daugher of Christopher Marshall, and was the father by her of three sons, Christopher, Martin, and Alexander. Of these, Chritopher made his home at Hanslap and Alesbury, County Buckingham, and was the father by his wife Elizabeth of Henry, Jane, Magdalena, Margaretta, and Elizabeth Cotes; while Martin resided at Rochester, and Alexander left issue in Cheshire by his wife, Ursula Powell, of a daughter named Anna.

Richard Cotes, fourth and youngest son of John and

Elizabeth (née Downton), also settled in Buckinghamshire and resided chiefly at Aylesbury. He was the father of at least one son, named Hugo or Hugh, and possibly had other children as well.

About the end of the fifteenth century Alexander Cotes, who is believed by some historians to have been another son of the before-mentioned John of Staffordshire and his wife, Jane Braddock, and a grandson of John and Ellena (nee Littleton), married Margaret Justinian, daughter and heir of John Justinian, of Whittington, County Stafford. To this union were born two sons, Francis and John, of whom the first had a son named Francis, who was thirty-four years of age in 1619. The second son, John Cotes, made his home at Ayleston, in Leicestershire, and was the father by his wife Agnes, a daughter of Robert Starkey, of Derbyshire, of four sons, Alexander, Thomas, John, Roger, and three daughters, Elizabeth, Katherine, and Ann. Of the four sons of John of Leicestershire, Alexander resided at Knighton and was the father by his wife, Anna or Anye Warde, whom he married about 1593, of John, Robert, and Thomas, of whom the first was the father by his first wife, Eleanor Yarde, of a son named Alexander, who died young, and was the father by his second wife, Elizabeth Aspinal, of John, William, Katherine, Anne, Grace, Elizabeth, Dorothy, and Eleanor; Thomas resided at Belgh Grange, in Derbyshire, and had issue by his wife Anna or Anye, daughter of Richard Johnson, of Callishull, County Lancaster, of a son named Richard; John was the father at Ayleston by his wife Anne of John, Alexander (Mayor of Leicester), Robert, and Anna, of whom the first removed to Ireland and had issue there of, among other children, a son named William; and Roger married Ellen, daughter of Robert Gillot, Mayor of Leicester in 1600, and was the father by her of a son named Robert, who married Margaret, daughter of Henry Astley, and was the father by her of a son named Robert and seven daughters, Eleanor, Catharine, Elizabeth, Margaret, Abigail, Hannah, and Mary Cotes. The son Robert had issue by his wife, Grace Farmer, of three children, Anthony, Roger, and Susanna.

Another branch of the family, early resident in Warwickshire, descended from Sylvester de Monteferrard, who married Beatrice Corbyzun or Corbuson in the early thirteenth century. They were the parents of John de Cotes, who was the father of William, father of John, father of William, who had issue

in the early fifteenth century of a son named John. The records of this line are not complete. There seems, however, to be a considerable connection between this family and that early resident at Honingham, in Warwick. Of this branch, one William de Cotes, living in the reign of Henry VI (circa 1428-1460), left a son named John, who was the father of William, who had issue by his wife Margareta of a son named John, who was the father by his wife Johanna of a son named Thomas Cotes. The last was the father of a son named Richard, who married Alice, daughter and coheir to John Hugford, of Emscote, and was the father of a son named John, who was the father of Anthony Cotes, of the early sixteenth century.

Among the other records of the name in England of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries are those of Egidius de Cotes, of County Norfolk, about 1273; Robert de Cotes, of Buckinghamshire, about the same time; Geoffrey de Cotes, of Lincolnshire, at a slightly later date; Ralph atte Cote, of Somersetshire, in 1327; John de Cotes, of Durham, in 1377; Johannes, Thomas, and Henricus del Cote or del Cotes, of Yorkshire, in 1379; and Willelmus atte Cotes, of Howdenshire, in the same year.

The many later fragmentary records of the name in England include those of Joane Coates, who was buried at St. Peter, Cornhill, London, in 1561; John Cotes or Coates, who was buried at the same place in 1563; Robert Coates, "gentleman", who mas married in 1582 to Agnes Mitchell, of Ware, Hertfordshire; Allan Coates or Cotes, of St. Christopher-le-Stocks, London, "ironmonger", who was married in 1592 to Mary, daughter of Robert Johnson, of Yorkshire; William Cote, of St. Clement Danes, who was married at Westminster in 1617 to Isabella Bigges; Susanna Coates, who was married at London in 1625 to William Turner; John Coates, who was married in 1641 to Mary Thompson, of Westminster; and George Coates or Cotes, a Quaker, who was born about 1643 (probably a descendant of a family early seated in Durham) and made his home at Lanesack, County Durham, where he left issue by his wife Elizabeth of six children, Michael, Henry, George, Ralph, Joseph, and Sarah Coates.

Among the first of the name in America were several emigrants to Virginia in the early seventeenth century. They were Abraham Coate, who came over in 1624; and Jonathan or John Coats and John Coates, of whom the former was living in

James City County about 1643, while the latter emigrated about 1650. No definite record, however, has been found concerning the immediate families and descendants of these early emigrants.

About 1646, or soon thereafter, Thomas Coates or Coats emigrated to Lynn, Mass. It is probable that Robert Coat(e)s, who was living at the same place at a slightly later date, was his brother. The immigrant Thomas married a Quaker and had issue by her of Jane, Elizabeth, James, John, and Thomas Coats or Coates. Of the last-mentioned brothers, John married Mary Witherdin in 1681 and left issue at Lynn of at least two children, Mary and John.

The immigrant Robert Coates or Coats, supposedly a brother of the immigrant Thomas, had five children, Robert, John, Abigail, Thomas, and Eleazer. Of these, the son Robert, is thought to have had at least one son, also named Robert, but the records of this family are not complete.

As early as the year 1682 Thomas Coates, a Quaker, son of Henry and Elizabeth Coates or Cotes, of Leicestershire, England, emigrated to America and settled in Pennsylvania. He resided first at Darby and then at Philadelphia. By his wife, Beulah Jacques or Jaques (of Huguenot descent), whom he married in 1694, he was the father of Thomas, Enoch, Elizabeth, Mary (died young), Sarah, another Mary, Samuel (died in infancy), another Samuel, Thomas (died young), and another Thomas.

(17) Samuel Coates, the only son of the immigrant Thomas who left male progeny, was married in 1734 to Mary Langdale, whose father was a native of Yorkshire, England. His children, born at Philadelphia, included Thomas, Josiah Langdale, Margaret, Mary, Beulah, Alice, and Samuel, as well as several others who died in infancy. Of the surviving sons, Thomas, the eldest, was the father by his wife, Mary Allen, whom he married in 1771, of a son named Samuel Coates; Josiah Langdale married Mary Morrison in 1772 and was the father by her of Alice (died young), Mary, Beulah, George Morrison, another Alice (died young), Lydia, Thomas (died young), Margaret (died young), Alice again, Josiah, Reynell (died young), Sidney, another Margaret, and Sarah Coates; and Samuel was first married in 1775 to Lydia Saunders, by whom he had issue of Margaret, Elizabeth, John Reynell, Hannah, Joseph Saunders, Lydia, and Mary Coates, of

whom the first two and the last died in infancy. By his second wife, Amy Hornor, whom he married in 1791, Samuel was the father of three sons, Samuel Hornor, Benjamin Hornor, and Reynell.

According to family tradition, four Quaker brothers, John, William, Thomas, and George Coats, whose name was originally spelled Cotes, came from Gloucestershire or Lincolnshire, England, to Pennsylvania between the years 1693 and 1700. Of these brothers, John settled near Philadelphia and was married in 1711 to Mary Hale, of Delaware, by whom he had issue of, among other children, a son named Warwick. The records of the other brothers are not complete.

Warwick Coats, son of the immigrant John, was married at Philadelphia before 1741 to a wife named Mary, who died in 1744, leaving only one child, a daughter Mary. By a second wife, Warwick is said to have had several other children, but their names are not in evidence.

John Coats, who was living at Philadelphia, Pa., before 1751, was probably another member of the last-mentioned family, but the connection is not available. He had at least one son, Dr. John Coats, M.D., who made his home at Easton, Md., and married Sarah Murray, of Maryland, in 1779. To this union were born three children, Susan, Rebecca, and John H. Coats.

About 1717 Moses ~~Coates or~~ Coats, a Quaker, son of Thomas Coats, of Carlow, Ireland, came to America, bringing with him his wife, Susannah Weldon, and their first child, Thomas. He settled at Providence, in Montgomery County, Pa., and had issue there of Samuel, Moses, Elizabeth, Jonathan, Aaron, and Benjamin, and possibly of another son, named William, who died unmarried.

Thomas Coates, eldest son of the immigrant Moses, married Sarah Miller, of Delaware County, Pa., in 1741 and had issue by her of Henry, Susannah, Jonathan, Samuel, and Elizabeth. Of these, Henry died unmarried at East Caln, Pa.; Jonathan left issue at East Caln by his wife, Jane Carrigan, whom he married in 1771, of two children, Margaret and Thomas Coates; and Samuel left issue at Kennett, in Chester County, Pa., by his wife, Abigail Thatcher, whom he married in 1779, of eight children, Warrick, Levi, Richard, Samuel, Thomas

(removed to Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee, and Louisiana), George, Sarah, and Joseph Coates, M.D.

Samuel Coates, second son of the immigrant Moses, married Elizabeth Mendenhall, of Caln Township, in 1743 and had issue by her of three sons, Aaron, Moses, and Isaac. Of these, Aaron was married in 1766 to Mary Cox, by whom he was the father of Samuel, Elizabeth, Moses, and Sidney Coates; Moses first married Hannah Musgrave, by whom he had two daughters, Elizabeth and Hannah, and was married in 1777 to Mary Knight Vickers, who gave him eleven children, Isaac, Anna Eliza, Caleb, Esther, Elisha, Sarah, Mary, Moses, Aquilla (of Ohio), Amos (of Ohio), and Jesse Coates, M.D.; and Isaac was the father by his wife, Hannah H. Stalker, whom he married in 1773 at East Caln, of Beulah, Grace, Lydia, Rebecca, Seymour, Amy, Zilla, Israel, and Lindley Coates.

Moses Coates Jr., third son of the immigrant Moses, married Priscilla Hutchinson in 1747 at the Gwynedd Monthly Meeting. Their children were Sarah and Susanna. By a second wife, the Widow Elizabeth (née Avery) Evans, whom he married in 1751, Moses Jr. was the father of Phebe, Moses, Mary, John Hutchinson, Thomas, Mahlon, Priscilla, and Aquilla. Of these, Moses married Hannah Moore in 1795 and removed with her to Frederick County, Va., where he had an only child, named Eliza; John Hutchinson married Hannah Longstreth in 1790 and left issue at Phoenixville, Pa., of Sarah H., Jane L., Cyrus, Charles L., Hannah L., and Aquilla (of Ohio); Thomas left issue by his wife, Rachel Wood, whom he married before 1789, of two daughters Jane and Sarah; and Aquilla married Rachel Pidgeon and left issue at Hopewell, in Frederick County, Va., of Isaac Lewis, John Hutchinson, Benjamin Franklin, William Pidgeon, Cyrus Longstreth, George Jenkins, Sarah Elizabeth, and Mary Stone Coates.

Jonathan Coates, son of the immigrant Moses, married Jane Longstreth in 1755 and had issue by her of Ann, James, Hannah, Jonathan Jr. (died unmarried), Susanna, Phebe, Kezia, Grace, Isaac (died unmarried), Jane, and Elizabeth. It is probable that James, the eldest son, also died without issue, but this is not certain.

Aaron Coates, son of the immigrant Moses, married Rachel Eastburn in 1752. Their children, born at Gwynedd, Pa., were Benjamin, Beulah, Grace, Aaron, Samuel, and John. Of these,

Benjamin married Mary Ballance, of Baltimore, Md., in 1763, but his records are not complete; Aaron had at least four children, Elizabeth, Moses, Sidney, and Rachel Coates, but the name of his wife is not known; Samuel was the father by his wife, Rebecca Brooke, of Isaac and John; and John married Dicdomia Griffith, who gave him one child, Elizabeth.

Benjamin Coates, youngest son of the immigrant Moses, married Ann Longstreth in 1756 and resided at Charlestown, in Chester County, Pa. His children were William, Jane, Sarah, Elizabeth, Ann, Abner, Susanna, Tacy, Rachel, and Benjamin. Of the sons, William married Rebecca Stalker, by whom he was the father of William (died young), Stalker, Grace, Hannah, Reuben, Ann, and another William Coates; Abner married Margaret Tussy and died in Indiana, but the names of his children are not available; and Benjamin married Elizabeth Iveston, by whom he had issue of George, Abner, and Benjamin Coates, of Ohio.

One Lindsay Coates, who may have been descended from the before-mentioned family of the name in Pennsylvania, was married in 1765 to Ruth Hughes, of Montgomery County, Pa. Their children were Ruth, Sarah, Mary, and Lindsay Jr.

Marmaduke Coate or Cote, who came to America in the early eighteenth century, settled in Burlington County, N.J., and died there in 1729. His children, all of whom were thought to have been born in England, were William, Mary, Edith, and Hannah. Of these, William married Rebecca Sharp in 1726 and was the father by her of four sons, Barzillai, Israel, Marmaduke, and William, and six daughters, Ann, Hannah, Rachel, Mary, Beulah, and Edith.

John Coates, a Yorkshireman, came in 1803 from England to Genesco, N.Y. He was accompanied by his family, including two sons and a daughter. By his wife, Jane Middleton, whom he married before 1773, this immigrant was the father of John, Charles, and Catherine, all three of whom removed with him to Royalton, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in 1816. Of the sons, John was married in Yorkshire in 1800 to Ann Best, by whom he had issue of John, Ann Best, John, Eleanor B., Elizabeth, Mary Ann, James, Jane, Margaret, Thomas B., and Catherine; while Charles had three children, Thomas, Ashbel, and Clarissa, of whom the two younger children were by his second wife, Amanda Teachout, of Royalton. The name of his first wife is not known.

David Coats, who was born (ancestry unknown) in Bernardston, Mass., in 1783, was married in 1810 to Elizabeth Conable, of that place, and removed shortly afterward to Plainfield, N.Y. His children, born in Oneida, Herkimer, and Onondaga Counties, N.Y., were Lydia Maria, Polly Louisa, Emily Sophronia, David Nelson, Fanny Clarinda, Hiram Cooley, Rosina, Angeline, Elvira, Hartly Conable, and Marilla Harriet Coats.

Another New York line traces its descent from Sanford Coates, who was born (ancestry unknown) at Stonington, Conn., in 1799. Sanford married Jerusha Miner and removed to Brookfield, in Madison County, N.Y., and thence to Jerusalem, N.Y., in 1817. He had nine children, Gilbert, Anner or Abner, Sidney, William S., Susan A., Lucretia, John L., Russel, and Minor.

Thomas Coates, of Reeth, County York, England, came in 1842 to Dubuque, Iowa. His wife, Jane Place, died in England, and the children, five sons and two daughters, emigrated with their father to America. The records of this line are not, however, complete.

Another immigrant of comparatively recent date was one William C. Coats, of Devonshire, England, who came to New York in 1859 and settled in Fulton, Oswego County, N.Y. He married Elizabeth Inchdon, of Devonshire, in 1847 and had issue by her of at least one son, William Henry Coats, of Northern New York.

Bearers of the name in America have been characterized in general by integrity, courage, fortitude, and initiative. Some lines have displayed imaginative and artistic abilities as well. They have distinguished themselves chiefly in educational, medical, and other professional fields of endeavor.

Among those of the name who served as officers in the War of the Revolution were Lieutenant Isaac Coates, of Pennsylvania; Captain and Dr. John Coates, of Pennsylvania; Surgeon John Coates, of New York; Colonel Walter Cotes, of Virginia; and Colonel William Coates, of Pennsylvania. Others of the name who served in the ranks of the various State forces of the Revolutionary period were Charles and Stephen Coat, of Massachusetts; Jean or John Cote, of Massachusetts; Stephen Coate, of Massachusetts; David, Elijah, John, Reuben, and Samuel Coates, of Massachusetts; Ariah, Benjamin, Charles,

David, Elihu, Elijah, Elisha, Jonathan, John, Joseph, Philip, Reuben, Simeon, Stephen, and William Coats (some of whom are recorded under other forms of the name as well), of Massachusetts; Charles, Elihu, John, and Simeon Cotes, of Massachusetts; John Coat or Cote, of Pennsylvania; Aaron, Alexander, Benjamin, Isaac, Moses, Moses Jr., Samuel, and Septimus Coates, of Pennsylvania; Aaron, Alexander, Elijah, George, James, John, Joseph, Moses, Moses Jr., Nathaniel, Richard, Samuel, Septimus, and Warwick Coats (recorded in some cases as Coates as well), of Pennsylvania; William Coats, of Maryland; Charles and Joseph Coats, of New Jersey; Edney, George, Jacob, James, Jesse, John, Raleigh, Robert, Samuel, Thomas, William, and Willis Coates or Coats, of Virginia; John Cotes, of Virginia; Thomas Coates, of New York; Christopher, Joseph, and Zebulon Coats, of New York; and Azor Cote, of New York.

William, Robert, Thomas, Richard, Humfrey or Humphrey, Samuel, James, Moses, Alexander, George, Joseph, and John are some of the masculine Christian names frequently recurrent in the annals of the family.

A few of the bearers of the name who have been prominent in America in comparatively recent times are the following:

Henly W. Coats (1820-1864), of Alabama, public official.

Edward J. Coates (b. 1838)-1918, of Georgia, minister.

Florence Earle Coates (b. 1850)1918, of Pennsylvania, author.

Winston D. Coates (b. 1858)1908, of California, physician.

Charles Edward Coates (b. 1866)1915, of Maryland and Louisiana, chemist.

Gaines L. Coates (b. 1873)1938, of California, physician.

George Morrison Coates (b. 1874), of Pennsylvania, surgeon.

Howard Elliott Coates (b. 1877)1934, of Georgia, lawyer.

Robert Seneca Coats (b. 1877), of California, printer.

Marion Coats (b. 1885), of New York, educator.

James Pierce Coates (b. 1888), of South Carolina, educator.

Robert Myron Coates (b. 1897), of Connecticut and New York, author.

An ancient and well-known coat of arms borne by the British family of Coat(e)s or Cotes is described in heraldic terms as follows (Burke, Encyclopaedia of Heraldry, 1844):

Arms.--"Quarterly, first and fourth, ermine; second and third, paly of six argent and sable."

Crest.--"A cock proper, combed, wattled, and legged gules."

Motto.--"Vigilans et Audax" ("Watchful and Bold").

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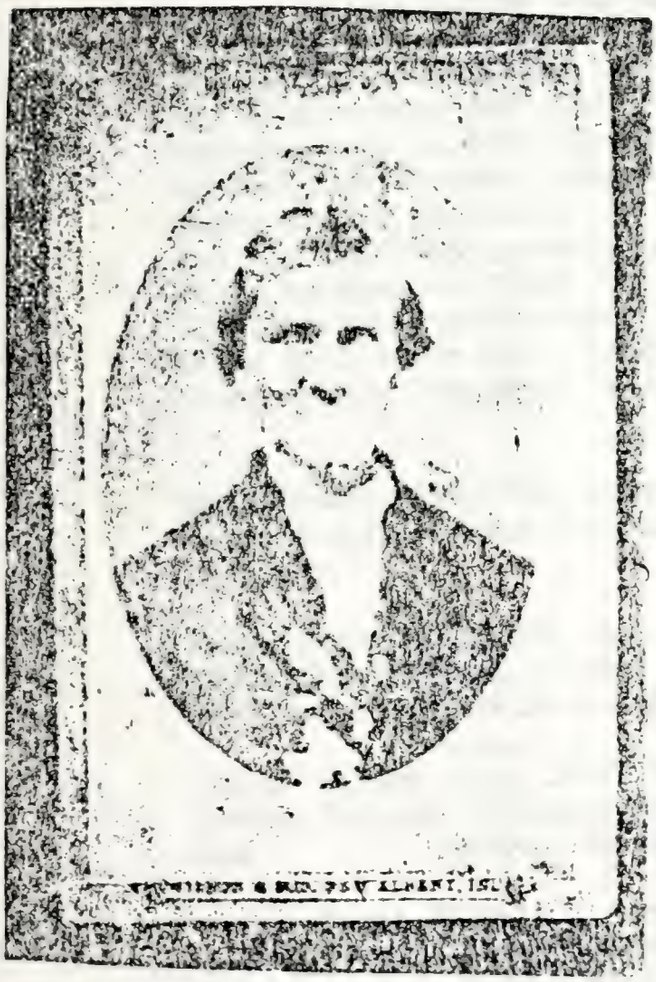
Daniel Coats November 9, 1811 September 8, 1889. Son of Hezikiah and Coats.Born near Bowling Green, Kentucky. Moved with his parents to Lanesville, Indiana ca 1815. Settled near New Providence (Borden) Indiana, Clark County, Wood Township East in 1820. Farmer/carpenter. Married Mary Ann Jackson March 13, 1834. Father of William, Susan, Henry, Eliza Melvina, George, Mary, Thomas, Francis Marion, Hezikiah and Ezekiel Coats. (Hezikiah and Ezekiel were twins. Died at birth.) Daniel died from the kick of a horse. He is buried at Pleasant Ridge Cementary.



Daniel Coats

Mary Ann Jackson Coats

William Coats 1835-19?1. Son of Daniel and Mary Ann Coats. Born in Clark County, Wood Township, Rural Route New Providence, Borden, Indiana in a two room log cabin about one-fourth mile east of the prest Coats home. He was a farmer. In 1842 Daniel Coats built a four room log house in Washington County, Jackson Township. Here William lived until his marriage to Louisa Starr April 9, 1857. Two sons were born to William and Louisa Coats, John and Daniel. After the death of his first wife, Louisa, he married Ellen Floyd. Three children were born of this union. Soloman, Melvina and Clara. He enlisted in Company "C", 81st Regiment of Indiana Infantry on August 22, 1862. Saw action in the battles of Perryville, Chicamauga and the seige of Atlanta. I remember Uncle Bill telling of his capture of several confederates soldiers all by his own efforts. When question on how it was done, he replied, "I surroned them." He was then asked how he could be re-paid for such a deed. His answer was, "give me another bowl of bean soup." (I assumed he was eating bean soup at the time of questioning) He told us how he stood on bank of the trenches and fired at the enemy, then flapped his arms to his sides and gave a shrill cry of a rooster and said, " come out you SOBs and fight" When he lived in New Albany, Indiana he would often walked to my Aunt Mary Morten's home and stay all night, then the next morning would walked to our home and stay the night with us and the following morning my father would take him by horse and buggy to meet the train for thr trip back home. He was at least six feet tall, redish hair, freckles, blue eyes and clever. Uncle Bill Coats was a special person to me. He is buried in the Swayback Cemetery, RR Borden, Ind.

Susan Coats 1842-1920. Daughter of Daniel and Mary Ann Coats. Married William West January 8, 1863. Buried Martinsburg Cemetary.

Henry Coats 1844-1908. Son of Daniel and Mary Ann Coats. Farmer. Civil War Veteran. Married Rachel Jacobi June 14, 1854. Father of Clarence and Delia Coats Sparks. Buried Pleasant Ridge Cemetary.

Eliza Melvina Coats 1847-1937 April 28 Feb. 25. Daughter of Daniel and Mary Ann Coats. Married William McKown March 1, 1877. Mother of Jefferson and McKown. Buried Greenville Cemetary.

George Coats 1849-1900. Son of Daniel and Mary Ann Coats. Farmer. Married Priscella Casey December 31, 1874. Father of Della, James, Charles and an infant that died at two years of age. He died at the Clark County Poor Farm, Charlestown, Ind. and is buried in one of the seven cemetaries at the old powder plant. I was never able to locate his grave.

Mary Catherine Coats 1851-1931. Daughter of Daniel and Mary Ann Coats. Married William Morten February 20, 1870. Buried Galena Cemetery, Galena, Indiana.

Thomas Coats 1855-1934. Son of Daniel and Mary Ann Coats. Farmer. Church of Christ Minister. Married Louise Katz of Turon, Kansas where he made his home after leaving Indiana ca 1874. Father of Jefferson, Clarence and Nellie Coats. Buried Turon, Kansas.

Francis Marion Coats April 10, 1857-January 30, 1932. Son of Daniel and Mary Ann Coats. Farmer and Horticulturest. Married Emma Beatrice McCallen, Rural Route Palmyra, Indiana December 3, 1893. Father of McCallen (Mack) Frank, DeWitt, Horace and Fanny Beatrice Coats. Born, reared and died in Washington County, Jackson Township. Buried Martinsburg Cementary. Francis Marion Coats taught the Bible way of living to all who knew him. To me he came into this world as a gift of love. He often quoted his favorite Bible passage. "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye. Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding; whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle." Psalm 32: 8-9.

Hezikiah and Ezekiel Coats (ca 1859) Twin sons of Daniel and Mary Ann Coats. Died at birth. Buried on the Coats farm. I do not know the exact location.

Camp Etawah River, Georgia
August 8, 1864

Dear Friend:

I seat my self down to drop you a few lines for the first time to inform you that I am well and hope when those few lines reaches you they may find you well and harty. We are in camp on the Etawah River near Cartersville, Ga. Old Sherman is still shelling Atlanta and our men is being in a mile of the city. The Rebs. has got a new commander, his name is General Hood, he commands the Rebs army of the Tennessee, they come purt near a whipping our men on the third of July, they mustered all there force on the left of our men , they pierse our lines with a loud yell and a terrible shour of muskery. The battle raged a long time, it was the first time that the Rebs met our men on the out side of there brast works. The seventeeth army corps stood it all till it was reinforce by the sixteenth army corps. The seventeeth army corps is commandering by Frank P. Blair, and the sixteenth army corps is commanded by General Dodge and the fifteenth army corps is commanded by General Logan and McPherson was commanding them by grand division of the army of the Tennessee. I belong to the fifteenth army corps, we have got three different departments with our army, the first is the army of the Potomac..Gen'l Hooker commands a grand Div. The second is the army of the Colberland commanded by General Thomas, he commands a grand Div. and the army of the Tennessee commanded by General McPherson. I belong to the first Brigage, third division, fifteenth army corps dept of the Tennessee. General McPherson got killed I guess you heard it but the Rebs lost one purt near as good as he is, they lost General Hardee. Well Tom I haven't any thing much of any importance to write this time so I will close. Write all the news about the Burg.* From

Henry C. Coats to Thomas Blackman.

Good by and excuse my bad writing and poor pen. Direct your letters to Company G 59th. Reg, Indiana A, Vettarn Voulteer Inft, In care of Captain E. J. Hollis, Cartersville, Ga. **

* Martinsburg
** This letter is verbatim from the original.

McCallen (Mack) Coats, September 7, 1894, February 11, 1969. Son of Francis Marion and Emma Beatrice McCallen Coats. Business man. Served in World War One, 18th. Balloon Company. Married Nettie Violet Wade. Father of Katherine LaVaughn Bishop, Marjorie Marie Hedegard, Mary Vergeline Piel and Martha Jane Campbell. Buried Mountain View Cemetery, Prescott, Ariz.

Frank Coats February 22, 1896, February 2, 1962. Son of Francis Marion and Emma Beatrice McCallen Coats. Served in the Navy of World War One on the Battleship Iowa. Married Mayme Gamble. Father of Robert Frank Coats. Buried Mount Calvary Cemetery, Sioux City, Iowa.

De Witt Coats April 29, 1900 . Son of Francis Marion and Emma Beatrice McCallen Coats. Married Cleo Ingram. United Methodist Church Minister.

Horace Hays Coats April 28, 1904 . Son of Francis Marion and Emma Beatrice McCallen Coats. Teacher. Elementary School Principal.

Fanny Beatrice Coats March 30, 1906, June 14, 1977. Daughter of Francis Marion and Emma Beatrice Coats. Teacher. Deeply religious.

Comments:

There are those who may say Grandma Mary Ann Jackson Coats was uneducated because she could neither read nor write, however she gave birth to ten children, seven sons and three daughters. (William, Susan, Henry, Eliza Melvina, George, Mary Catherine, Thomas Francis Marion, Hezikiah and Ezekiel) They all lived to adulthood but the twins. After all, an educated person is one who does the thing best that he wants to do most.

Grandpa Daniel Coats had relatives in Virginia. It was in October 1859 that he went by horse back to visit them. While in Virginia, John Brown, the most fanatical abolitionist leader of his day, was hanged. Grandpa was not permited, with many others, near the gallows. It was a beautiful Autumn day, December 2, 1859, the hills of Virginia were blue with Indian Summer smoke. John Brown waited fifteen minutes on the gallows while a colonel* of the United States Marines manuvered some 2000 men into position around the scaffold. The drop opened. A marine** went deathly white and asked for a drink of liquor. "John Brown's body lies a-moldering in the grave; his soul is marching on." This was the greatest of the world's war songs. Grandpa never forgot his visit to Virginia.

* The Colonel of the Marines was Robert E. Lee, one of the greatest generals of history.

**The fainting militiaman was John Wilkes Booth, the murderer of Abraham Lincoln.

Brief resume of Horace H. Coats, Route 2, Borden, Indiana 47106, Tel: (812) 653-3431
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Personal Data:

Date of birth: April 28, 1905
Place of birth: Route 2, Borden, Ind.
Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 225 pounds
Faith: Protestant
Lodge: Mason
Marital Status: Single

Education:

High School
College
Hold Indiana Teachers License #021208
(Life—Grades 1-8)
Several Correspondence Courses. Not related to teaching

Experience:

Teacher. Elementary school principal. School supply salesman. Sales manager, Coats School Supply. Compiled information on some one-thousand scholarships and made them available, without charge, to those with ability but not the means to attend college. Director of Studies, Coats Studies of Juvenile Delinquency. Past Editor of Indiana's Educators. The Thinker Magazine. Private Tax Consultant. Special Press Representative.

Hobbies:

Oil Painting
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